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SUBJ: STATUS OF U NU AND ENTOURAGE

REF: A. STATE 189622; B. RANGOON 2261.

1. WE SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S ANSWERS TO PROFESSOR KYAW WIN'S QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF U NU. THE RTG AND GUB ARE OBVIOUSLY GRATEFUL TO THE USG FOR ALLOWING U NU TO ENTER THE US. THE DEPARTURE OF U NU FROM THAILAND HAS BEEN A KEY ELEMENT IN IMPROVING RTG/GUB RELATIONS (BANGKOK A-224 LIMDIS). WITH U NU GONE, THE RTG IS LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS FUTURE, BUT WOULD OBVIOUSLY HOPE THE SITUATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP IN WHICH HE WOULD TRY TO RETURN TO THAILAND.

2. THE MEMBERS OF U NU'S ENTOURAGE REMAINING IN THAILAND WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE A POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR US OR THE RTG. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 28 A LETTER FROM U NU TO AMBASSADOR UNGER DATED SEPTEMBER 24 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR SIXTEEN PERSONS OF HIS ENTOURAGE NOW RESIDENT IN BANGKOK. U NU WROTE THAT HE AND HIS SON, MAUNG AUNG, INTEND TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON AFTER U NU'S LECTURE ENGAGEMENTS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEWYORK AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY. WE INTEND TO REPLY TO U NU THAT THE REMAINING MEMBERS

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OF HIS ENTOURAGE MAY APPLY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS AT OUR

CONSULAR SECTION, BUT THAT THEY MUST MEET ALL NORMAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH VISAS. WE WILL CONSIDER EACH
CASE ON ITS INDIVIDUAL MERITS.
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